

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

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29. (Amended) A protective structure for protection from a blast load comprising:

(a) a mesh structure having an outer surface and an inner surface,
wherein the inner surface defines an annular space;

(b) a concrete fill material which resides within the annular space of
the mesh structure and within the mesh structure, such that the mesh structure [extends
throughout] surrounds the entire fill material;

(c) at least one reinforcement member which resides within the
concrete fill material; and

(d) a concrete face material which resides upon the outer surface of the
mesh structure, wherein the blast load has a time duration of t_d , the mesh structure has a

time period of oscillation T in response to the blast load, and T is 5-20 times greater than t_d .

30. (Amended) A protective system for protection from a blast load comprising:

(I) a plurality of adjacent protective structures, wherein each protective structure has a first end and a second end, and each protective structure comprises:

(a) a mesh structure having an outer surface and an inner surface, wherein the inner surface defines an annular space,

(b) a concrete fill material which resides within the annular space of the mesh structure and within the mesh structure, such that the mesh structure [extends throughout] surrounds the entire fill material;

(c) at least one reinforcement member which resides within the concrete material, and

(d) a concrete face material which resides upon the outer surface of the mesh structure, wherein the blast load has a time duration of t_d , the mesh structure has a time period of oscillation T in response to the blast load, and T is 5-20 times greater than t_d ; and

(II) a plurality of support members, wherein the support members receive the first or second ends of the protective structures to provide interlocking engagement of the protective structures to the support members.

31. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the mesh structure comprises a plurality of interconnected steel wires.

32. (New) The protective structure of Claim 31, in which the steel wires are selected from the group consisting of 8 gage, 10 gage, 12 gage, or 16 gage steel wires.
33. (New) The protective structure of Claim 31, in which the mesh structure comprises a plurality of mesh unit cells having a width in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches and a length in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches.
34. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the concrete fill material permeates through the mesh structure to form the concrete face material.
35. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the reinforcement member is a steel reinforcement bar.
36. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the structure contains a plurality of reinforcement members located within the concrete fill material.
37. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the structure deflects in response to a blast load.
38. (New) The protective structure of Claim 37, in which the deflection in response to the blast load is 10-25% of the length of the protective structure.

39. (New) The protective structure of Claim 29, in which the structure is a wall.
40. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the mesh structure comprises a plurality of interconnected steel wires.
41. (New) The protective system of Claim 40, in which the steel wires are selected from the group consisting of 8 gage, 10 gage, 12 gage, or 16 gage steel wires.
42. (New) The protective system of Claim 40, in which the mesh structure comprises a plurality of mesh unit cells having a width in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches and a length in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches.
43. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the concrete fill material permeates through the mesh structure to form the concrete face material.
44. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the reinforcement member is a steel reinforcement bar.
45. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the structure contains a plurality of reinforcement members located within the concrete fill material.
46. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the structure deflects in response to a blast load.

47. (New) The protective system of Claim 46, in which the deflection in response to the blast load is 25% or less of the length of the structure.

48. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the structure is a wall.

49. (New) The protective system of Claim 30, in which the support members comprise a mesh structure.

50. (New) The protective system of Claim 49, in which the mesh structure of the support members comprises a plurality of interconnected steel wires.

51. (New) The protective system of Claim 50, in which the steel wires of the mesh structure of the support members are selected from the group consisting of 8 gage, 10 gage, 12 gage, or 16 gage steel wires.

52. (New) The protective system of Claim 50, in which the mesh structure of the support members comprises a plurality of mesh unit cells having a width in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches and a length in the range of about 0.75 to 1.75 inches.

53. (New) The protective system of Claim 50, in which the mesh structure of the support members surrounds a concrete fill material such as reinforced concrete.

54. (New) The protective system of Claim 53, in which the concrete fill material permeates through the mesh structure of the support members to form a concrete face material for the support members.